

Members of the Task Force on Teacher Education
Strategic Plan

TASK FORCE ON TEACHER EDUCATION

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I. Steering Committee (10)

A. Composition

1. Teacher Educators
 - a. MACTE
2. Local and State Agency Personnel
3. Professional Representatives
4. Resource Staff (UMC)

B. Purpose

1. Develop Strategy for Task Force Review of Issues and Formulation of Recommendations
2. Identification of Principal Issues
3. Identification of Task Force Members
 - a. General sessions with discussion
 - b. Issues "briefs"
 - c. Summary papers by Steering Committee
 - d. Resource persons

C. Meetings

1. August - Planning
2. Late September or Early October - Prior to and after Task Force Meeting
3. October/November - Steering Committee Members Leads Task Force Sub-Groups

II. Task Force Group (20 + 10 Member Steering Committee)

A. Membership Representation

1. Higher Education
2. State and Local Education Agency

3. Business/Industry
4. State and Local Government

B. Organization

Three Sub-Groups Headed by Steering Committee Members

C. Meetings

1. October 16-17
2. November 13-14
3. December 11-12

III. Possible Issue Areas

A. Supply/Demand

1. Recruitment
2. Selective Admission
3. Alternative Certification

B. Preparation, Certification and Development of Teachers

1. General Education
2. Subject Matter Competence
3. Professional Education Including Field Experiences
4. Induction Including Professional Development Plans
5. Certification Requirements and Levels

LETTER OF INVITATION TO TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

October 1, 1986

Dear :

This letter is an invitation for you to participate in an important activity being organized through Governor Ashcroft's Missouri Opportunity 2000 Commission. This Commission, established by Governor Ashcroft early this year, involves 30 Missouri citizens serving as commissioners who are studying various factors that impact on the quality of life of Missourians. The Commission is co-chaired by Secretary of State Roy Blunt and former St. Louis Mayor, John Poelker. Dr. Jay Barton, the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of Missouri and Dr. William Danforth, Chancellor of Washington University, are respectively, the chair and vice-chair of the Commission's education committee. The project will culminate as the Commissioners make public policy recommendations that will guide Missouri's leadership as decisions are made that effect the lives of all Missourians as we move into the 21st century.

The activity in which you are invited to participate is a Task Force on Teacher Education. Through the numerous "crisis reports" that have highlighted the status and concerns for our nation's educational system, it has been reiterated time and time again that the teacher is the most important variable in the formula for educational excellence. The Task Force will provide advice and counsel to the Commission's education committee.

Because of your interest and the significance of the constituency group that you represent, you are being asked to participate as a member of a group that will review the significant issues related to the preparation and development of teachers. Subsequent to such a review, the Task Force will offer recommendations that could impact positively upon the cadre of teachers who will teach Missouri's children and youth of the 21st century. This Task Force, which will meet October 16-17, November 13-14 and December 11-12, has a steering committee which met in late August to frame the major issues and establish an agenda for the Task Force. In addition, a resource team of University of Missouri faculty has been at work to prepare the enclosed "briefing papers" to help provide a focus for members of the Task Force. We believe that this type of support will make the project manageable and will maximize the time and energy of the members of the Task Force. The format for the meetings are identical with a 5:30 p.m. social hour, a 6 p.m. dinner with a general session that will end by 9:30 p.m. The second day will begin with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. and discussion

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sessions throughout the morning with adjournment at noon. The meetings will be held in Columbia with the October meeting scheduled at the Campus Inn, 1112 Stadium Boulevard (740) and College Avenue (314-449-2731).

If you can make a commitment to meet with the Task Force one time in each of the months of October, November and December as well as review briefing papers that are provided, we would very much like for you to serve as a member of this group. Since this Task Force is representative of several professional organizations, agencies as well as the business and industrial groups, we can accept an alternate if your schedule will not permit full participation. The funding for this activity is quite limited; therefore, it would be helpful if your organization could support your travel and lodging costs (meals will be provided). Please complete and return the enclosed postcard by return mail since the time is so short.

Sincerely,

Gregg L. Hartley
Executive Director
Missouri Opportunity 2000

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Enclosures